



WICOMICO COUNTY 2005 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

Farm Numbers ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
Number of Farms	684	624	512
Average Size (acres)	133	148	173
Land in Farms (acres)	91,254	92,057	88,470
Livestock Inventory ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
Cattle	1,526	2,027	2,986
Hogs	12,208	3,669	708
Sheep	225	310	469
2002 Value of Sales ¹			
All Products (\$1,000)			174,594
Poultry & Eggs (\$1,000)			147,281
Nursery & Greenhouse (\$1,000)			13,594
Grains & Oilseeds (\$1,000)			7,534
Demographic Data ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
Average Age of Operator	52.8	54.1	54.9
Percent Female Operators	10.5	12.7	13.7
2002 Equine Census			
Number of Equine Places			650
Equine Inventory			2,260
Value of Equine Inventory			\$9,860,000

Crop Production Acres Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002 ¹			
Corn for Grain	8	Soybeans	7
Barley	12	Vegetables	5
Forage	18	Wheat	11

Livestock & Poultry Inventories Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002 ¹			
Beef Cattle	11	Milk Cows	17
Broilers	1	Sheep	12
Hogs	12		

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Crop	Year	Acreage Harvested	Yield	Total Production
Corn for Grain (bushels)	2003	22,800	125.3	2,856,800
	2004	23,300	156.5	3,645,900
	2005	22,300	133.7	2,981,700
Corn for Silage (tons)	2003	*	*	*
	2004	*	*	*
	2005	*	*	*
Soybeans (bushels)	2003	25,000	40.5	1,013,500
	2004	26,300	41.9	1,103,100
	2005	24,000	30.9	740,400
Wheat (bushels)	2003	3,300	39.4	130,000
	2004	3,200	57.5	184,128
	2005	2,700	46.0	124,200
Hay (tons)	2003	1,900	2.4	4,600
	2004	1,600	2.5	4,000
	2005	1,100	2.2	2,400
Barley (bushels)	2003	*	*	*
	2004	*	*	*
	2005	*	*	*

* Acreage too small to publish.

	2003	2004	2005
Cropland Cash Rents (per acre)	\$58.56	\$65.74	\$71.45

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